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WORLD

GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, AND
ZANZIBAR.

Dolande put the question of which he had given notice, regarding the effect of the Anglo-French declaration of 1904, guaranteeing the independence of Zanzibar, upon the provision in the Anglo-German agreement of 1901 which was to incorporate over the Sultanate. M. Dolande declared that the declaration had not fallen into abeyance, and that France had done nothing, and said nothing, to give rise to the belief that she had repudiated the declaration. Great Britain, he said, could not violate it, and before establishing her protectorate in Zanzibar must ask the consent of France. M. Ribot, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in reply, said that Article 34 of the Berlin Convention rendered it obligatory upon every nation desirous of establishing a protectorate to communicate its intentions to the other powers, and that France would not fail to fulfill this obligation, all the more inasmuch as in 1902 she signed a convention engaging to respect the independence of Zanzibar. She could not, therefore, take any action without a previous understanding with France. "The Government," said the Minister, "has decided not to communicate with Great Britain, with whom, while respecting our own rights, we desire to preserve the best relations. In any case, it is not by declarations from the tribune that one can enter into communications with other nations." In reply to a question with respect to the matter, M. Dolande had expressed his thanks to M. Ribot for his explanations, the House adjourned.

mark notes, the banker, having read the story of the robbery, questioned him closely upon it. The man said he had not heard of the occurrence, but his demeanour betrayed the untruthfulness of the assertion. He was taken before a magistrate, where the banker who lost the money, having been sent for, recognised him as the robber.

THE CHOLERA.

A Constantinople telegram of the 20th inst. states that the announcement that cholera had broken out on the Russo-Perian frontier is declared as false by the authorities.

ILLTREATMENT IN PRISON.

We learn from Tunis that the case of the Maltese, named Grech, his son, and a third man, who were arrested by the French police at Kairouan and treated with great barbarity in prison, has been handed over to the public prosecutor for investigation.

SCENE ON A STEAMER.

A St. Petersburg telegram of the 21st inst. states that an exciting scene occurred on board the steamer Alexander I while on a journey from St. Petersburg. One of the deck passengers, in a fit of insanity, ran amuck among the other travellers, brandishing a long knife, with which he wounded the captain and four passengers. The madman, who was eventually overpowered by the crew, died within an hour.

FATAL RAILWAY COLLISION IN GERMANY.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung* published a special edition on the 21st inst. reporting that a collision had occurred near the station of Muhlacker between two express trains. One of the two express trains was headed by a guard head guard had both his legs cut off. The train was blocked in consequence of the accident.

ROBBERY—ARREST.

THE COUPON LONDON.

We learn from Paris that M. Goron, t head of the detective department, received telegram on the 20th inst. from Inspector Houllier, who has been for some time past in London, tracking the accomplices in the recent important robbery at the Ministry of Finance. Inspector Houllier announced that he had effected one arrest.

Dr. Macdonald received information Saturday of the death of the infant daughter of Charles Brooks, an upholsterer, of Craven-street, Holborn.

The district coroner has been notified of the death of William Singer, aged 43 years, coachman, formerly residing at 15, Prager-road, Beriton Hill, who was seized with a whilst in bed and died before medical assistance could be procured.

While a police-constable was patrolling Battersea Park, a gentleman was called to man lying on the bank. The officer thinking that the man was asleep, turned him over and found that he was dead, with a deep gash in his throat.

The Cabinet met at noon on Saturday the Foreign Office. All the members were present except Lord Ashbourne.

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THE HOLLOWAY TRAGEDY.
Dr. George Danford Thomas, the coroner

for the Central Division of the Court, Holloway, returned an adjourned inquiry, and the London Coroner's Court, Holloway, is now considering the death of Arthur Augustus Oakes, aged 8 years, son of Arthur Augustus Oakes, a married chemist, lately living at 27, Grove-road, Holloway. The deceased was found dead, it is supposed from poisoning by strychnine administered to him by his father, the latter, with the mother, Amy Oakes, having failed in an attempt to commit suicide by poisoning themselves, cut their throats and destroyed themselves, and that the death of Great Northern Central Prison, Holloway-road. They have both made statements that after poisoning the deceased they had then poison themselves, and this having failed, cut their throats. Their excuse for this crime is that they were in a desperate and wretched condition, and that the facts of the case have already been fully reported.—The jury returned a verdict of death from strychnine poisoning, and added a rider to the effect that, having heard in evidence of the distressed condition of the parents, they were of opinion that at the time the act was committed their minds were unbalanced, and they recommended an adjourned inquest on this opinion to the proper authorities.

MAGISTERIAL PROCEEDINGS.

At the North London Police Court, Wednesday, Richard Arthur Oakes, a chemist and druggist, and his wife, Amy Oakes, 46, were placed in the dock, charged in the having been concerned in poisoning the child of Arthur Augustus Oakes, aged 8, by administering poison to him on the 7th and 8th of June, at 27, Grove-road, Holloway. Both the prisoners were further charged with attempting to commit suicide by taking strychnine and cutting their throats. The prisoners were accompanied by their father, Richard Augustus Oakes, aged 8, who, testifying, said that he felt their position very acutely, and the woman fainted.—Inspector Nunan, Y Division, asked the magistrate to simply take sufficient evidence to justify a remand, in order that the Treasury might be communicated with.—Mr. Marsham: Very well.—Inspector Nunan: Then said: About 10 o'clock on Sunday, the 8th of June, I called to 27, Grove-road, Holloway. On going to the first floor front room, I found the two prisoners in bed. Both had their throats cut. There was a considerable quantity of blood about the room and on the bed. While I was looking about, Mrs. Oakes said: "I have done it, and my son has been given it. It is poverty that has made us do this. We meant to die together. We took strychnine last night. As it did not

- kill us, I took the razor and cut my throat
f and he took it and cut his. We did not wish to

leave the boy behind to the cold charity of the world." Continuing, the Inspector said: I found the razor behind the folding doors, and on going into the back room I saw the head of the child in the bed. The Oakes shrieked bitterly, and her husband endeavored to soothe her.—Inspector Numan arrived. I took the prisoners to the Green Northern Hospital, and the body of the child to the mortuary. An inquest was held, and the Oakes pleaded guilty. The jury found the mother and father were guilty of willful murder. At 12.30 to-day I went with Detective-inspector Miller to the hospital and arrested the two prisoners.—Mr. Numan: That is sufficient for a remand. The prisoners may be held in the County Jail, but the Treasury be communicated with.

CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED CHILD MURDER.

At Shrewsbury, on Thursday, George Walker, fish seller, and Katherine Keenan, unmarried, were charged with attempting murder George Keenan, a child two months old, the son of the female prisoner. Walter Darling, superintendent water bailiff, was standing on the river side shortly after seven o'clock on Saturday night, when he saw the prisoners go down the steps into the water. Keenan was carrying the child, and Walker told her to wade in and drown it. She went in about a yard, and Walker called out to her not to be afraid. Keenan replied that she was not afraid, and that she would drown the child, and put it on its back in the water, having one hand on its throat and the other on its ankles. The child screamed, and the woman tried to put her foot upon its breast, but was so drunk she could not stand. Both prisoners were committed for trial.

THE STRANDING OF THE CITY OF ROME.

On Thursday afternoon judgment was given by the court appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into the circumstances of the Anchor Line Collision at Rome. The court found that the master was not justified in standing on an easterly course after he had only forty-eight fathoms water without taking measures to find the correct position, and in the weather which prevailed he had been more than justified in following exactly the sailing direction. In the opinion of the court he ought to have

stopped and gone to the southward, as it was dangerous to go to the eastward. The le

was frequently and judiciously used, but the cause of the casualty was the failure of the master to use sufficient judgment in applying the warning given by the bell. They thought that with the exceptions mentioned, the treatment was excellent, and in a neat and seamanlike manner, and there was no proof that the vessel was racing with the Aurania or any other vessel. The errors of the master were errors of judgment only. His conduct and navigation of the ship were everything which could be desired, and the court did not feel warranted in inflicting the officers were in no way blame.

FATAL COLLISION IN THE CHANNEL

During a thick fog in the Channel on Tuesday afternoon a collision occurred about twenty miles south-west of Portland, between the barque Ethel, of London, and the brigantine Hrisbane, with a general cargo. She was owned by Messrs. Fenwick and Co. of Abchurch Chambers, London, and had a crew of sixteen hands. On board was Mr. Stobart, one of the firm, together with his wife and two children, and his sister-in-law, who were all on shore excursion to Plymouth. The barque was in charge of a Lymington pilot. About two o'clock in the afternoon she was run into by a large schooner, the Umbro, from Natal to London, with passengers and a general cargo. It struck the barque midships, and with a terrific force tore it in less than five minutes into two pieces. One man on board the steamer was killed, three men blown over the barque were killed by falling spar. Mr. Stobart and his family had a narrow escape, but for the promptitude displayed by the steamer's crew all must have gone down with the barque. They were then on board the Umbro, and landed at Portland. Mrs. Stobart and family returned to London. The barque went down with everything aboard, there not being time to secure port articles of value.

The United States Treasury Department has notified the manager of the London National Gallery, who proposes to exhibit his collection in the States, that the paintings cannot be admitted free of charge, but must be taxed and valued.

"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

The "storepipe" hat is now 100 years old. The Prince of Wales will open the new park at Vauxhall on July 7th.

A terrible explosion has occurred at Dudley on a tug-boat. Four persons were killed and three injured. One is missing. The sudden death is announced of Mr. W. T. Stubbs, chief engineer on the Manchester, G. H. Field, and Lincolnshire Railway.

A telegram from Melbourne cricketer, has become hopelessly insane.

A telegram from Martinique announces that the half of the town of Port de France has been destroyed by fire, and that 5,000 persons have been homeless.

Mr. Thomas Cook, the veteran tourist agent, is erecting a block of almshouses and a mission hall for the use of the poor of his native village, Melbourne, in Derbyshire.

Mr. J. Addison, Q.C., M.P., has resigned the readership of Preston in consequence of the pressure of his professional and Parliamentary duties.

A young man, aged 20, a mason, has committed suicide at Vienna by drowning himself in a barrel of vinegar. He painted his initials and three crosses on the barrel before getting into it.

The competition at the Royal Academy of Music for the Parepa Rosa gold medal took place on Monday. There were thirty-one candidates, and the prize was awarded to Miss Hooton.

Major-General Black, C.S.I., is mentioned as likely to succeed Sir Edward Bradford as general secretary at the India Office. General Black has had considerable experience of Indian politics.

The Queen of the Belgians, while driving from Spa, was stopped at the frontier by the German Customs House officers, who, despite the indignation protests of Baron Goltstein, subjected her carriage to a severe scrutiny.

Mr. H. S. Foster, of the London School Board, and the London County Council, has received from the French Government, with the permission of the Foreign Office, the diploma of Officer de l'Instruction Publique.

The town of David Gorodick, in the government of Minsk, has been completely destroyed by fire. Eight hundred and sixty houses, 100 shops, a Catholic church, two synagogues, and all the Government buildings were consumed by the flames.

Thomas Johnson, a carman, has been summoned to Westminster Police Court, by an inspector of police, for carrying on the cab of a van two advertisement boards of dimensions contrary to those approved by the chief commissioner. The boards, it was stated, were each 18ft. by 8ft. The defendant was fined 10s.

Some genuine cases of influenza of an epidemic character having recently occurred in the district of Judenburg, Upper Styria, although the malady has generally died out, the authorities have ordered a searching inquiry into the matter, the results being requested to send in their report as soon as possible.

At Bangor County Court on Tuesday a summary order was made, under a writ of habeas corpus, committing to prison for two months a man who had been sentenced to imprisonment for the sum of fifteen guineas for a summary offence.

The War Office has decided that the river-walk of the Tower of London cannot be opened to the public. A memorial on this subject from the Whitechapel district was a short time ago presented, but it is stated that, owing to the numerous military purposes for which the Tower wharf is required, it would be impossible to admit the public to the river-walk.

At Ashton-under-Lyne Infirmary James Brown, aged 13, died from hydrophobia. He was bitten on the hand at a dog-bite by a large bulldog, which afterwards ran onwards to Newton, near Hyde, where it attacked a child and also bit two men. The latter have been under the treatment of Dr. Tassart.

At a meeting of shareholders in the Great Northern Railway Company, the bill authorizing the conversion of the company's stock into terms sanctioned by a committee of the House of Commons was approved. In answer to a question, the company's solicitor said that in no way diminished the security of their preferential stocks.

In the German Reichstag, during the discussion on the vote for East Africa, Baron von Helldorf, the Foreign Secretary, referred to the Anglo-German agreement, and said it was possible that the bill relating to Helldorf would be laid before the House during the present session. He requested the deputies to abstain from any discussion on the matter, and they complied with his request.

Mr. Justice Mathew and a jury on Monday gave a verdict on a slander brought by Mr. A. Miller, clerk to the vestry of St. George's, Southwark, against Mr. J. G. Tatum, who had been contractor to the vestry for many years. The defendant had made accusations against the plaintiff arising out of the vestry accounts, and the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff, with £200 damages.

In reply to a correspondent, who recently wrote to Mr. Gladstone with his neglect of the East-end of London, the right hon. gentleman writes: "I am sure there is no man more anxious to consider the wants of the East-end than I am."

The receipts on account of revenue from the 1st of April, 1890, when there was a balance of £5,229,261, to June 21st, 1890, were £1,077,702, against £1,079,155 in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, with a balance of £5,229,261.

The net expenditure was £1,077,702, against £1,079,155 in the previous year. The Treasury on June 21st, 1890, amounted to £1,077,702, and at the same date in 1889 to £1,079,155.

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conduct of the captain and crew generally after the accident was commended.

The Duchess of Fife has now almost recovered.

There were eight cases of suicide last week in the metropolis.

King Humbert's tendency to melancholy is increasing.

There were 2,516 births and 1,387 deaths in London last week.

Different forms of violence caused fifty-four deaths in London last week.

Over 500 ladies in Washington are wearing divided skirts.

The Portsmouth Swimming Club numbers 300 lady members.

Over £22,000 has been received on behalf of the Hospital Sunday Fund.

The King of Abyssinia's new crown has cost £1,000.

Scientists are agreed that the climate of Asia is growing colder.

At the Birmingham Mint 3,900,000 silver coins are being made for use in Hong Kong.

The total population of Western Australia is about equal to that of the town of Oxford.

It is said that Stanley will not by fifty leopards in the United States the sum of 30,000.

There were in India, at the close of 1889, 54,917 square miles of forest demarcated and reserved by the State.

Sir Edwin Arnold announces from Yokohama that he has sold all rights in his new poem, "The Light of the World."

There are 797 daily and weekly German papers published in the United States and Canada.

Laying the duplicate cable between New South Wales and New Zealand will cost about £300,000.

Jews are long-lived people. In Prussia the Jewish rate of mortality averages about two-thirds the Christian.

Since 1788, seven "senior wranglers" have attained to bishoprics, six to deaneries, and five to archdeaconries.

St. Saviour's Church, Sheffield, bears this inscription on its altar: "Pray for the sinners who built this church."

The birth of a son of the Prince and Princess Bernadotte was simply announced among the ordinary "births" in a Carlsrona local paper.

Edward Manning, of New York, describes himself as "champion egg-eater of the world." He can dispose of one hundred eggs inside two minutes.

The expression "of a certain age," as applied to elderly ladies, has, according to Piccadilly, been improved upon. They are now spoken of as "has been."

Bismarck is said to be extremely superstitious, especially as regards mystic numbers. The Thirteen Club should endeavour to convert him when he visits England.

Napoleon Wilson last winter induced the wife of J. M. Morris to elope from Magnolia. The husband has since been speaking to Wilson through a revolver. Morris recently met the last bullet, and soon afterwards died.

American market gardeners have a machine for hanking celery, which, to the lay mind, seems a monstrously funny thing to bank. What some of us really want is a machine to compel us to bank our salary, or at least a part of it.

"Shooting the moon" is quite an old institution, but photographing the sun is an outcome of modern enterprise that is not often practised. The solar lunary had a rough time of it during the recent eclipse, having to undergo as many as sixteen "sittings."

It has often been pointed out as a curious phenomenon that brandy and water, upon being mixed, show an increase of temperature. Still more curious are the phenomena which result from a too liberal indulgence in the compound.

The natives of Great Britain, a small island in the Bismarck Archipelago, who have recently renounced cannibalism, keep their children imprisoned in wicker cages until they marry, which is usually at the age of eleven or twelve.

The present "star" of a café chantant in Frankfurt is the Princess Marie Paetana Pignatelli, the divorced wife of Count Louis Pignatelli. She always, it is said, wears her family jewels, her diadem coronet in diamonds, and the arms of the Pignatelli princely house.

The Queen on Monday reviewed the troops of the Windsor garrison and the Eton College Volunteers in Windsor Great Park. After her Majesty's return to the castle the Prince of Wales complimented the troops on their manoeuvres.

The attention of the Dominion Government has again been called to the cannibalism existing among the Indians of the northern portion of British Columbia. It is once more alleged that the Indians eat the prisoners they capture from neighbouring tribes. The Government is urged to take vigorous measures to suppress the barbarous custom.

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The deaths attributed last week in London to disease of the respiratory organs numbered 215.

Since the opening of the South Kensington Museum it has been visited by 23,320,753 persons.

Last week the London Tramways Company carried 1,375,581 passengers, and ran altogether 143,467 miles.

Wilcox, a bridge jumper, who died soon after diving 117 feet from a Cincinnati bridge, had saved twenty-four lives.

The Fairfield Shipbuilding Company, Glasgow, have intimated that wages will be reduced a fortnight hence.

The reports from the districts in Valencia, where an epidemic supposed to be cholera had broken out, continue to be favourable.

Another French trawler has been brought into Grimsby by her Majesty's ship Redwing, having been caught fishing within the three miles limit of the coast.

Cyrus W. Fickl wears two watches, a 3,000-ol. one and an ordinary one. The showpiece he carries to please the friend who presented it, the timepiece for utility.

There has been a revival in the diamond-cutting industry at Antwerp, which has suffered so severely of late. Nearly all the workmen are at work again.

The Austrian Minister of Commerce makes known, in a despatch published in the Gazette, that the tax upon tourist tickets and hotel coupons has been abandoned.

The strawberry crop in East Kent is now being gathered and sent to the markets. It is not such a productive one as it promised to be, but is a fair average.

It is said that the Baroness Burdett-Coutts has intimated her intention of presenting Mr. Stanley's bride with £10,000 as a wedding present.

A woman in Reed City, Michigan, has secured a verdict of £300, against a saloon keeper, who sold her husband liquor after he had been notified not to do so.

A man deliberately jumped off Goat Island Bridge, at Niagara Falls, a few days ago, and swam to the brink of the American Falls. There he disappeared.

A gentleman who has spent some considerable time in Holland, has been canvassing members in the Central Hall against its concession to Germany.

New York City is the centre of a studied effort to take the census taking, and there have been issued for fifty or more unfortunate dupes of bad advisers.

Harris A. Smiler, lieutenant and bugler for the Salvation Army, was convicted of murder in the first degree in New York the other day. Smiler murdered his wife in April last.

Bernard McMahon, a Motherwell man, was found dead at the bottom of a stair which led up to the house in which he lived. He had fallen down the stairs and broken his neck.

The schools connected with the Westminster Diocesan Education Fund there are 39,000 children taught, at an average cost of about 11s. a year per head less than those in the board schools.

A New York publisher is shipping every year 50,000 American school books for the schools of Japan. The English classics are daily read in countries of which Shakespeare and Milton never heard.

Bangor, Maine, has a battalion of thirty young women called the Chillicotheans, who wear uniforms and carry Springfield rifles. They gave an exhibition a few weeks ago before the governor and his staff.

"John Bright has told me," says Mr. Gladstone, "that he would be content to stake upon the Book of Psalms, as it stands, the great question whether there is or is not a divine revelation."

Dr. A. E. Wallace says that, in 1872, 17 per cent. of the deaths in London were due to disease of workhouses, hospitals, and lunatic asylums; while in 1888 this proportion had increased to 22 per cent.

Two boys fought a duel with knives near Columbia, South Carolina. One was stabbed through the heart, and the other was so terribly cut about the throat that, at last accounts, he was not expected to live.

There were 99 deaths from measles in London last week, 15 from scarlet fever, 19 from diphtheria, 6 from whooping-cough, 6 from enteric fever, 24 from diarrhoea and dysentery, and 2 from cholera and choleraic diarrhoea.

A collier named Dennis James Woods, living in Nook-lane, Sutton, St. Helens, is in custody on the charge of attempting to murder his step-father, James Oates, by striking him on the head with an axe.

A boat, containing six persons, capsized on Sunday on Lake Erie, after having been struck by a steamship. Only two persons were saved, one of whom was rescued by an Englishman.

It is reported that the council of the Incorporated Law Society have just resolved to take no action in the case of Mr. Arthur Newton, the solicitor, sentenced by Mr. Justice Cave to six months' imprisonment in connection with the Cleveland-street case.

The Cunard steamer Servia reports that eight fishermen, belonging to the American fishing schooner, Fanny Spurling, were drowned on the 11th inst., off Cape North, Nova Scotia, while out in a boat during a gale.

The Queen of Rumania, known in literature as Carmen Sylva, has given permission for the public performance of some of her dramatic works in Vienna. The proceeds of the performances, which will be organised next winter, are to be devoted to the relief of pauper children.

The Omnibus Bill of the London County Council was before a committee of the House of Commons on Monday, which decided that the Secretary of State for War should have the free military use of open spaces in case of the national safety demanded it, but that they should not be used for purposes of drill.

At the Manchester City Police Court, a coal merchant named David Johnson, his manager, William Swell, and two other men, named William Roberts and Richard Davies, have been remanded on a charge of defrauding the Manchester Corporation by delivering coal the weight of which was falsely stated.

A remarkable breach of promise case will, it is stated, shortly occupy a judge and a London jury. The plaintiff, whose grandfather is a baronet, and who has an uncle who is an admiral, seeks to recover £25,000 damages from the defendant, a gentleman of means.

We have heard of sparrows building in the mouth of a cannon, but never before in a volunteer's helmet. A member of the All-England Volunteers, on taking down his helmet a few days ago, found that a pair of sparrows had built a very comfortable nest therein, and had raised a brood of young ones.

A destructive fire broke out on Wednesday in the extensive premises of Forster, Green, and Co., wholesale brokers and tea-merchants, at about five o'clock the watchman on duty noticed flames issuing from the upper windows of the building, which is one of the finest in Ireland, and gave an alarm; but on the arrival of the fire brigade it was evident that the fire had got a firm hold of the premises. Four hours later they were com-

pletely gutted. The damage is estimated at over £50,000.

Twenty persons have been fined at Leeds during the past week for allowing their dogs to go unattended.

The Manchester Ship Canal (Tidal Opening) Bill has passed a select committee of the House of Commons, and was ordered to be reported.

The Commander-in-Chief has issued an order to prohibit smoking by officers of the regular Army while acting on boards of examination, a practice which he considers very objectionable.

At Bradford College, near Reading, on Tuesday afternoon, the "Antique of Sophocles," in the original Greek, was performed by the masters and students, in presence of numerous spectators.

At a largely attended meeting of the Progressive party, it was decided that, on the resignation of Lord Rosebery, the Marquis of Ripon should be the candidate of the party for the chairmanship of the London County Council.

Great rejoicings took place at South Shields on Wednesday on the opening of the Public Marine Park and the unveiling of a memorial statue in celebration of the Queen's jubilee. The park, consisting of several acres, cost £22,000, exclusive of the land.

The eighty-fourth anniversary festival of the Leazes Amateur School will be held at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday next, Mr. Philip C. Gates, chairman of the New Westminister Brewery Company, presiding. An admirable programme has been issued.

In the suit of Mrs. O'Shea against Captain O'Shea to have the trusts of her marriage settlement carried out, and for declaration that she is entitled to the income of the estate, the Master of the Rolls, at Dublin, has ordered that Mrs. O'Shea give security for costs.

An invitation having been extended to Mr. H. M. Stanley to visit Cardiff and receive the freedom of the borough, a letter was received from the explorer on Thursday accepting the invitation. Owing to his numerous engagements Mr. Stanley is unable to fix a date, promising to send a further communication.

The donations to the Lord Mayor's fund for erecting a memorial in London of the late Field-marshal Lord Strathairn continue to flow in; but up to the present the response from the City has been very meagre, and an appeal is being addressed to the leading guilds and firms.

A cork rope is one of the latest inventions. It is made of small corks placed end to end, and the whole covered with a braiding of cotton twine; over this is a coarser braiding in heavy strands. According to the inventor an inch thick rope will stand a strain of 1,000lb.

Queen Isabella is very witty when she likes. She was once at a gathering where no fewer than four kings of Spain were present. These were her son, her husband, Don Carlos, the ex-King of Anjou, Duke of Savoy, "There are enough of us," said the Queen, "to make a salad."

Stormy weather prevailed at Worthington and the fleet of fishing boats at sea were caught in a storm. Some managed to reach the harbour, but others were not so fortunate, and one boat, occupied by two young men named James Clark and Henry Wright, was capsized and sunk, its occupants being drowned.

In connection with the Thirkettle divorce case, in which Mrs. Thirkettle obtained a decree nisi on the ground of misconduct committed by her husband, a hop merchant at Leeds; Sir James Hannen stated, on Tuesday, that the decree nisi having been made six months ago, and there being no intervention, the decree nisi was made absolute accordingly.

The select committee of the House of Lords appointed to take evidence in connection with the Bishop of Peterborough's bill on children's life insurance met on Tuesday, and elected the Bishop of Peterborough as chairman. It was resolved to sit on Tuesday and Friday to take evidence, and that the meetings should be open to the public.

The Press Association understands that the departmental committee, appointed to consider the advisability of permitting adhesive stamps to be affixed to cards by the public for transmission through the post, has decided in favour of the Government proposal, and has decided in favour of allowing the change to be made.

The new Brazilian constitution declares the President alone responsible to the nation, and the Ministers are replaced by Secretaries of State. The Chamber of Deputies is to be elected triennially, and the Senate every nine years. The President, whose term is six years, will be elected by Congress in November.

Charles Rowbottom, assistant market keeper at West Hartlepool, was on Wednesday charged with having seduced a little girl, named Chae, with half a brick. The girl's skull was fractured over the left eye, and it is feared she will lose the sight of the eye. The defendant was ordered to pay £5, including costs.

At the Birmingham Sessions, Mary Hodggets, who pleaded guilty to inciting her son to steal goods from a jeweller to whom he was errand-boy, was sentenced by the recorder to five years' penal servitude, the having previously served a similar term for receiving stolen property. The boy was sent to a reformatory.

Paris is again threatened with a scarcity of water. The summer, so far, has not been exceptionally dry, but already it has become necessary to supplement the supply by drawing from the Seine. The Seine water is undoubtedly purer than that of the Thames, and water-drinkers are advised to insist upon the water being filtered or boiled.

At a meeting of the directors of the Kilnmarlock Infirmary, a letter was read from the Dowager Lady Howard de Walden, lady of the manor, offering the sum of £1,200 for the erection of a children's ward in the infirmary, on the condition that they carry out the erection of the ward on a plan approved by her ladyship. The directors decided to accept the munificent offer.

In the Court of Session, Edinburgh, this week, was concluded the trial of an action brought by Sir Archibald Douglas Stewart, of Grantly, to rescind the sale of his estate of Murthly, in Perthshire, to Mr. J. S. Kennedy, banker, of New York, for £372,853. The jury returned a verdict in favour of Sir Archibald Stewart, finding that he had signed the offer under error.

Sir Thomas Clark, chairman of the executive council of the International Exhibition at Edinburgh, has received a letter from the Lord Mayor of London in reference to the civic visit to Edinburgh. His lordship states that he and the gentlemen who accompanied him desire to express their deep feeling of gratitude for the hospitality extended to them, and their best wishes for the success of the exhibition.

Amid military honours, the funeral of Major-General Charles Booth Brackenbury, late head of the Royal Artillery College, took place on Tuesday at Woolwich. Two batteries of Royal Horse and Field Artillery, with guns, preceded the coffin, together with a strong firing party of 1,500 soldiers, and all the troops that could be spared from garrison duty followed, includ-

ing the general in command and most of the officers.

Madame Adeline Patti has left Craig-y-Nos Castle for London.

It is a little over 115 years since the United States adopted the stars and stripes as the national flag.

The Shah of Persia has just sent a commission to the Hon. Hugh Bowley to paint him an elaborate fan.

Rachel Kent, of Hastings, fell over the East Hill Cliff, a distance of about 900ft., and was killed.

The death is announced of Mr. Charles Crompton, Q.C., at his residence, Cromwell-place.

Invitations are being issued for the second court ball, which takes place at Buckingham Palace on Friday, July 6th.

Sir Walter Foster, M.P., has resigned the chairmanship of the committee of the National Liberal Association.

The International Prisoners Conference held its final meeting on Wednesday at St. Petersburg.

The Emperor of Germany has conferred a patent of nobility upon Major Wisniamski, in recognition of his services in East Africa.

Mr. Healy's anticipation that the House of Commons will soon become "the sty of the guinea-pigs" created no little amusement in the lobby.

The loyal Neapolitans want the Crown Prince of Italy to make their city his permanent home. They are actually petitioning the King of Italy with that object.

On Tuesday evening next the Freemasons of North Connaught will give a banquet to Surgeon Parke, of the Stanley expedition, in the Town Hall, Carrick-on-Shannon.

Her Majesty's gunboat Thrush, with Prince George of Wales in command, which has been at Gibraltar since the 9th inst., sailed on Wednesday for the West Indies.

Mrs. Merritt's imaginative picture, "Love Looked On," now exhibiting at the Royal Academy, has been purchased out of the funds of the Chantry bequest.

The Postmaster-General is to allow the public to post circulars, price lists, and other documents, not being in the nature of a letter, in open envelopes at the book-post rate.

Sir James Gowans, who was chairman of the executive committee of the last Edinburgh Exhibition, has died at Edinburgh. He was a railway contractor, and was the first to construct tramways in Scotland.

St. Ives (Cornwall) held a festival on Wednesday to commemorate the finish of a long addition to Smeaton's Pier, which will much improve the depth of water and shelter of the harbour.

The boiler of an engine employed in the operation of "shelling" corn on a farm near Colchester, Canada, exploded on Tuesday. Two men were killed instantly and five others seriously injured.

The Berlin police have effected the arrest of a man named Hight, who is at the head of an organisation engaged in the manufacture of counterfeit sovereigns. The stamps for the coins were ordered from various Berlin engravers.

A new church, which has cost £2,000, and is the gift of Sir Pryce Pryce-Jones, the Conservative candidate for Montgomery Boroughs, in honour of his jubilee knighthood, was opened by the Bishop of St. Asaph, at Newtown on Thursday.

A young man, named James Edward Kemp, aged 23 years, unmarried, was drowned whilst bathing in the Medway at Rochester the other evening. Two companions were with him at the time, and the body was recovered shortly after the deceased sank.

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